

## Ten Warning Signs of Contractor Fraud

- ◆ Pressure tactics.
- ◆ A "special price" if the homeowner agrees or signs a contract right away.
- ◆ The contractor requires large cash deposits in advance.
- ◆ A discount is offered because the job will be used for training or as a model home.
- ◆ Contractor tells homeowner, "With all the work out there now, I don't have time to come back."
- ◆ The contractor's credentials or references can't be verified.
- ◆ The contractor is unlicensed.
- ◆ The homeowner is asked to sign a blank contract, or a contract with blanks in it.
- ◆ The contractor pressures the homeowner to sign a completion certificate before the job is finished.
- ◆ Contractor asks homeowner to obtain all permits.